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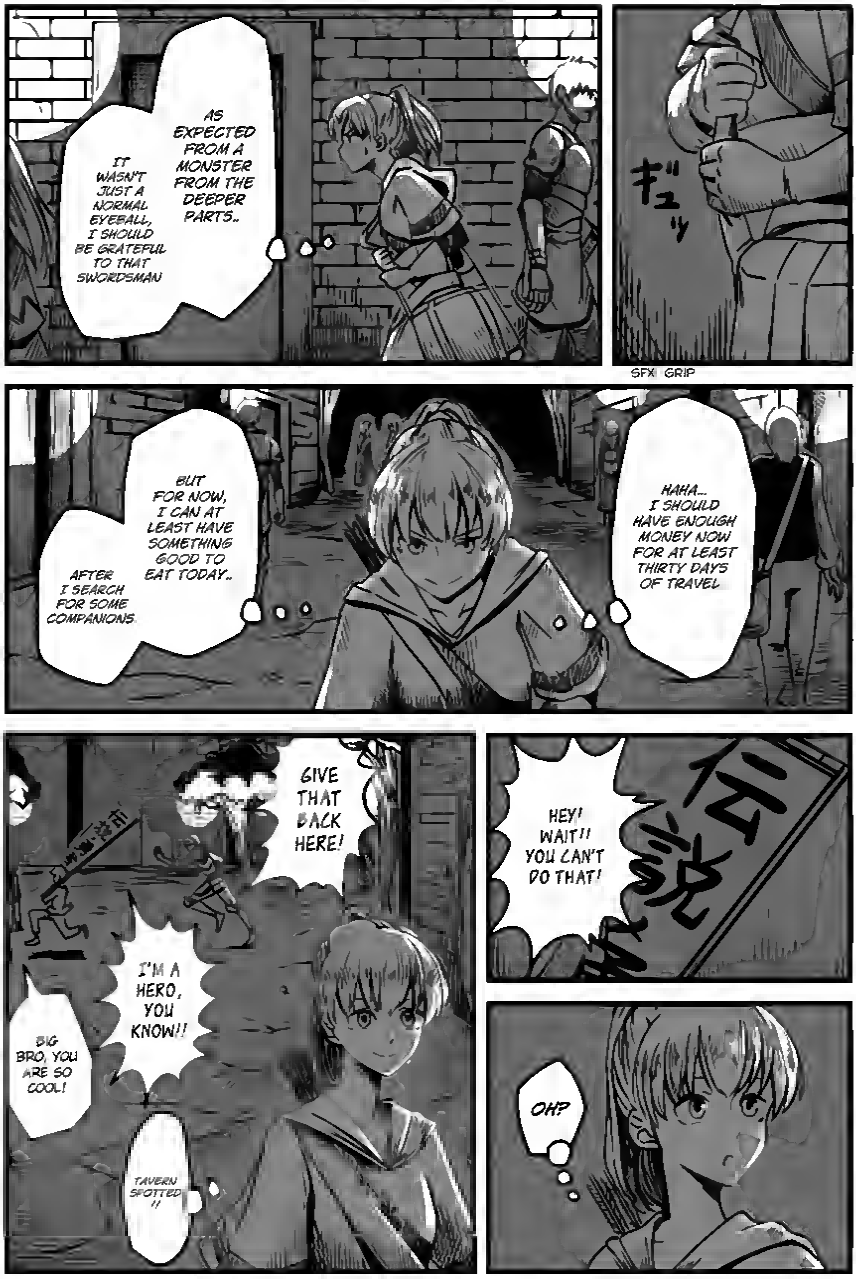
HMM...
2000?!
I'LL GIVE YOU 2000G!
TWO...


AS EXPECTED FROM A MONSTER FROM THE DEEPER PARTS..
IT WASN'T JUST A NORMAL EYEBALL, I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO THAT SWORDSMAN
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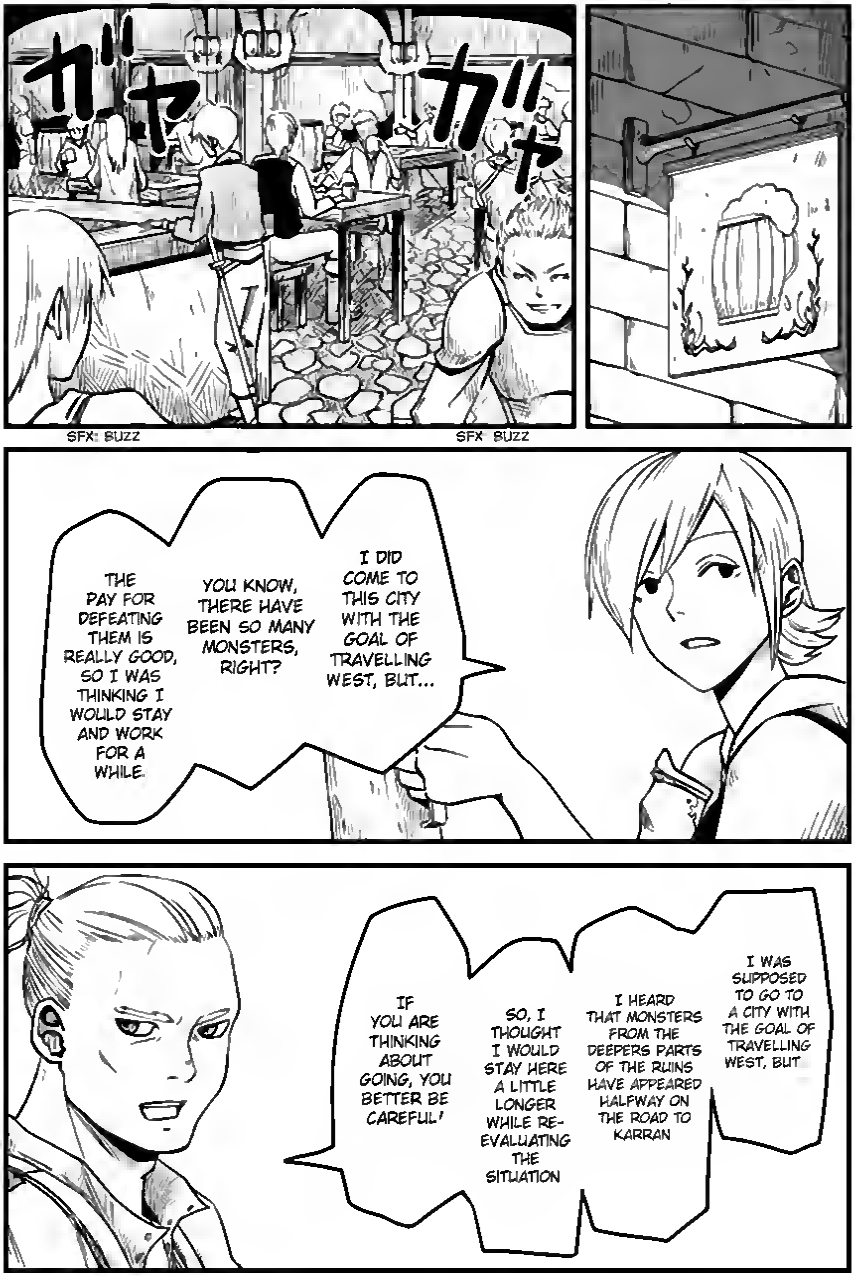
SFX: GRIP
HAHA... I SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH MONEY NOW FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS OF TRAVEL
BUT FOR NOW, I CAN AT LEAST HAVE SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT TODAY..
AFTER I SEARCH FOR SOME COMPANIONS
GIVE THAT BACK HERE!
I'M A HERO, YOU KNOW!!
BIG BRO, YOU ARE SO COOL!
TAVERN SPOTTED!!
HEY! WAIT!! YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
OH?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SFX: BUZZ
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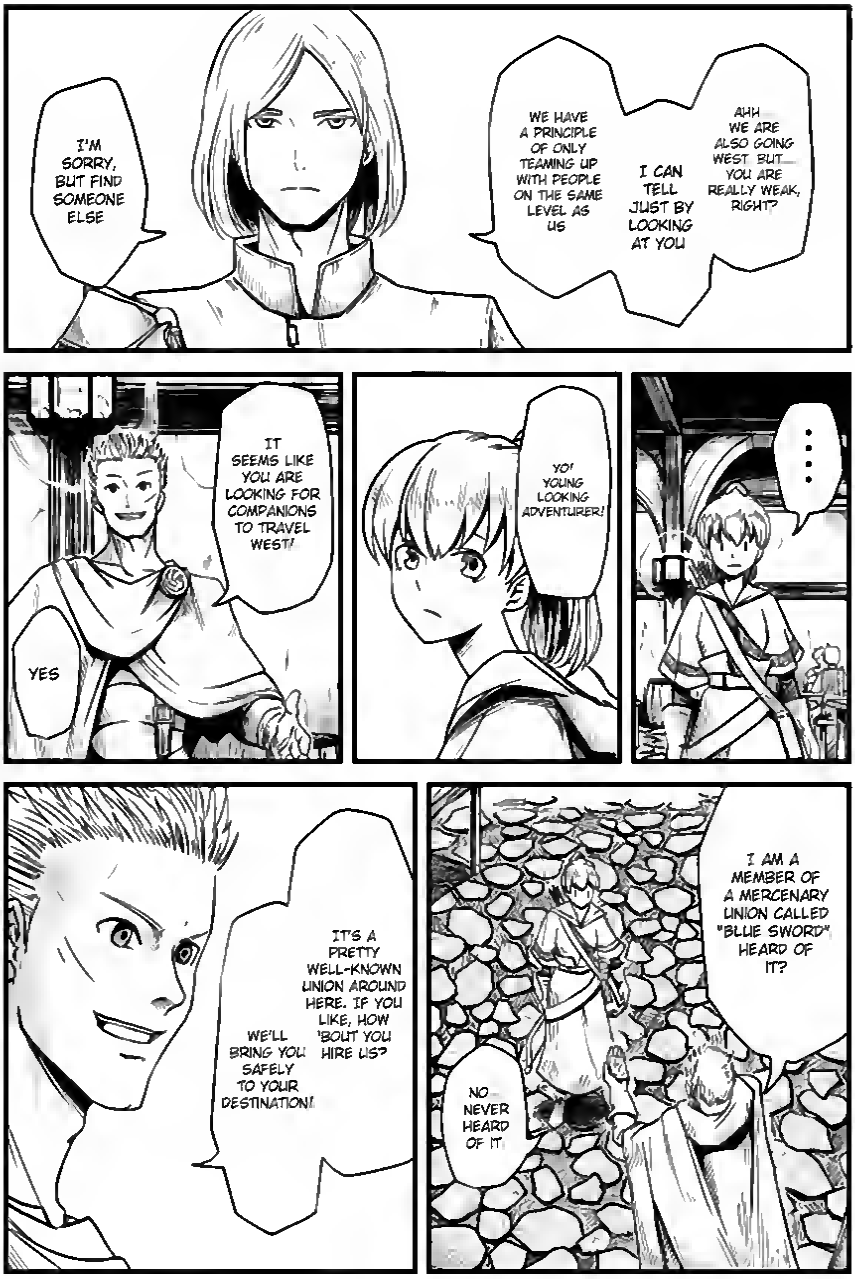
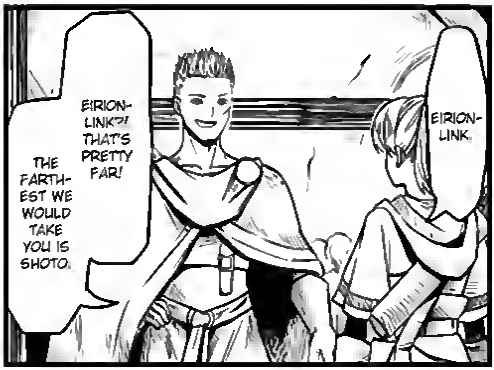
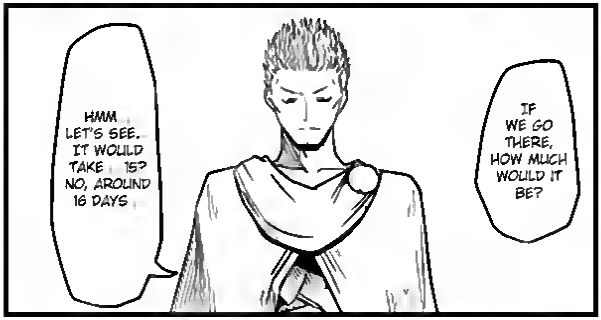
I WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO A CITY WITH THE GOAL OF TRAVELLING WEST, BUT
I HEARD THAT MONSTERS FROM THE DEEPERS PARTS OF THE RUINS HAVE APPEARED HALFWAY ON THE ROAD TO KARRAN
SO, I THOUGHT I WOULD STAY HERE A LITTLE LONGER WHILE RE-EVALUATING THE SITUATION
IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT GOING, YOU BETTER BE CAREFUL!
I DID COME TO THIS CITY WITH THE GOAL OF TRAVELLING WEST, BUT...
YOU KNOW, THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY MONSTERS, RIGHT?
THE PAY FOR DEFEATING THEM IS REALLY GOOD, SO I WAS THINKING I WOULD STAY AND WORK FOR A WHILE.

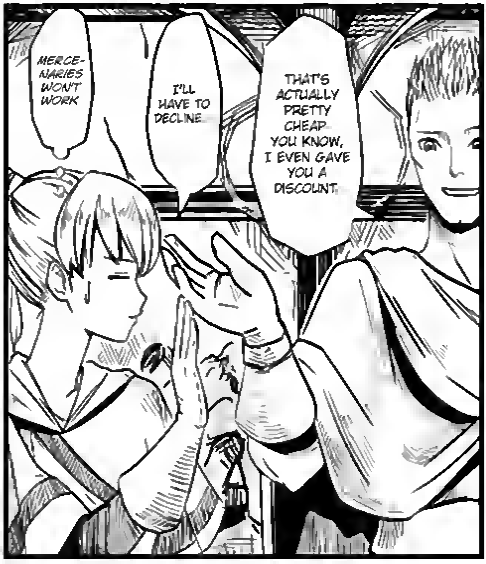

I'M SORRY, BUT FIND SOMEONE ELSE
WE HAVE A PRINCIPLE OF ONLY TEAMING UP WITH PEOPLE ON THE SAME LEVEL AS US
I CAN TELL JUST BY LOOKING AT YOU
AHH... WE ARE ALSO GOING WEST. BUT... YOU ARE REALLY WEAK, RIGHT?
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU ARE LOOKING FOR COMPANIONS TO TRAVEL WEST?
YES
YO! YOUNG LOOKING ADVENTURER!
...
I AM A MEMBER OF A MERCENARY UNION CALLED "BLUE SWORD" HEARD OF IT?
NO... NEVER HEARD OF IT
IT'S A PRETTY WELL-KNOWN UNION AROUND HERE. IF YOU LIKE, HOW 'BOUT YOU HIRE US?
WE'LL BRING YOU SAFELY TO YOUR DESTINATION!

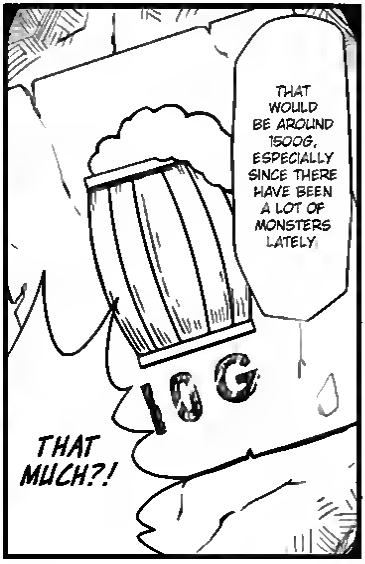

EIRION-LINK.
EIRION-LINK?! THAT'S PRETTY FAR!
THE FARTHEST WE WOULD TAKE YOU IS SHOTO.

HUH... HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST?
THAT DEPENDS ON THE DESTINATION AND HOW MANY DAYS IT WILL TAKE WHERE ARE YOU GOING?


IF WE GO THERE, HOW MUCH WOULD IT BE?
HMM... LET'S SEE. IT WOULD TAKE... 15? NO, AROUND 16 DAYS.

SHOTO? WHERE IS THAT?


MERCENARIES WON'T WORK
I'LL HAVE TO DECLINE.
THAT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY CHEAP. YOU KNOW, I EVEN GAVE YOU A DISCOUNT.


THAT WOULD BE AROUND 1500G, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF MONSTERS LATELY.
10G
THAT MUCH?!

HAA...
SIGH... I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND ANYONE...
BUT TRAVELLING ALONE IS SCARY...
SO FOR THE TIME BEING I'LL HAVE TO STAY IN THIS CITY AND SEARCH..
OH...
THE "HERO" APPEARS
DOWN WE GO...
SIGH...
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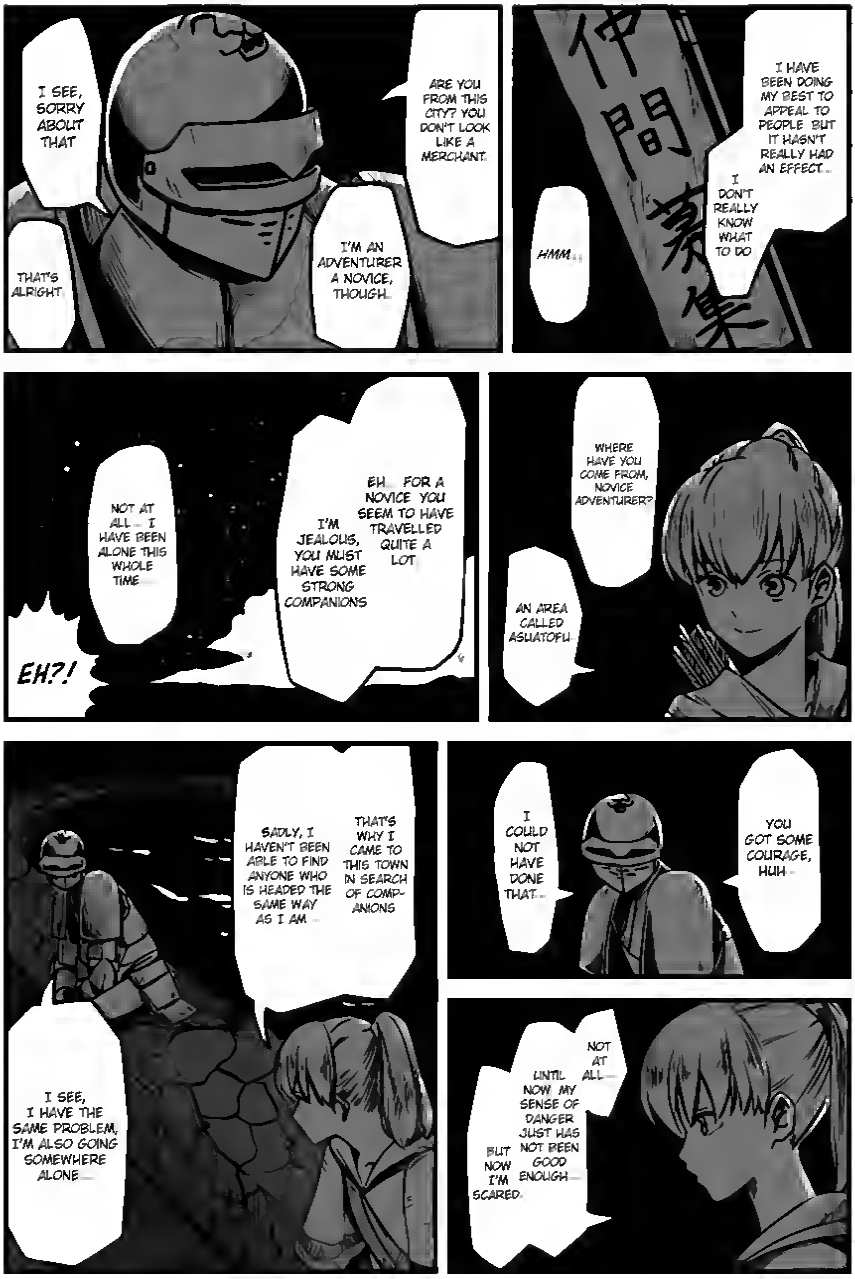
THEN TAKE IT OFF...
HAA... THIS ARMOUR IS HEAVY...
HE LOOKS A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS, BUT I WONDER IF HE MANAGED TO FIND ANY...?
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, THIS GUY IS ALSO LOOKING FOR COMPANIONS...
HAA...
YES.
ME?
HUH?
UM... MISTER SELF-PROCLAIMED HERO...
ACTUALLY... I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANYONE EVEN THOUGH I BEGAN LOOKING A MONTH AGO...
ONE... ONE MONTH
YOUR SIGN SAYS YOU ARE RECRUITING COMPANIONS IS IT GOING ALRIGHT?
I AM A REAL HERO, YOU KNOW, BUT WHAT IS IT?


I SEE, SORRY ABOUT THAT
THAT'S ALRIGHT
ARE YOU FROM THIS CITY? YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A MERCHANT.
I'M AN ADVENTURER A NOVICE, THOUGH.
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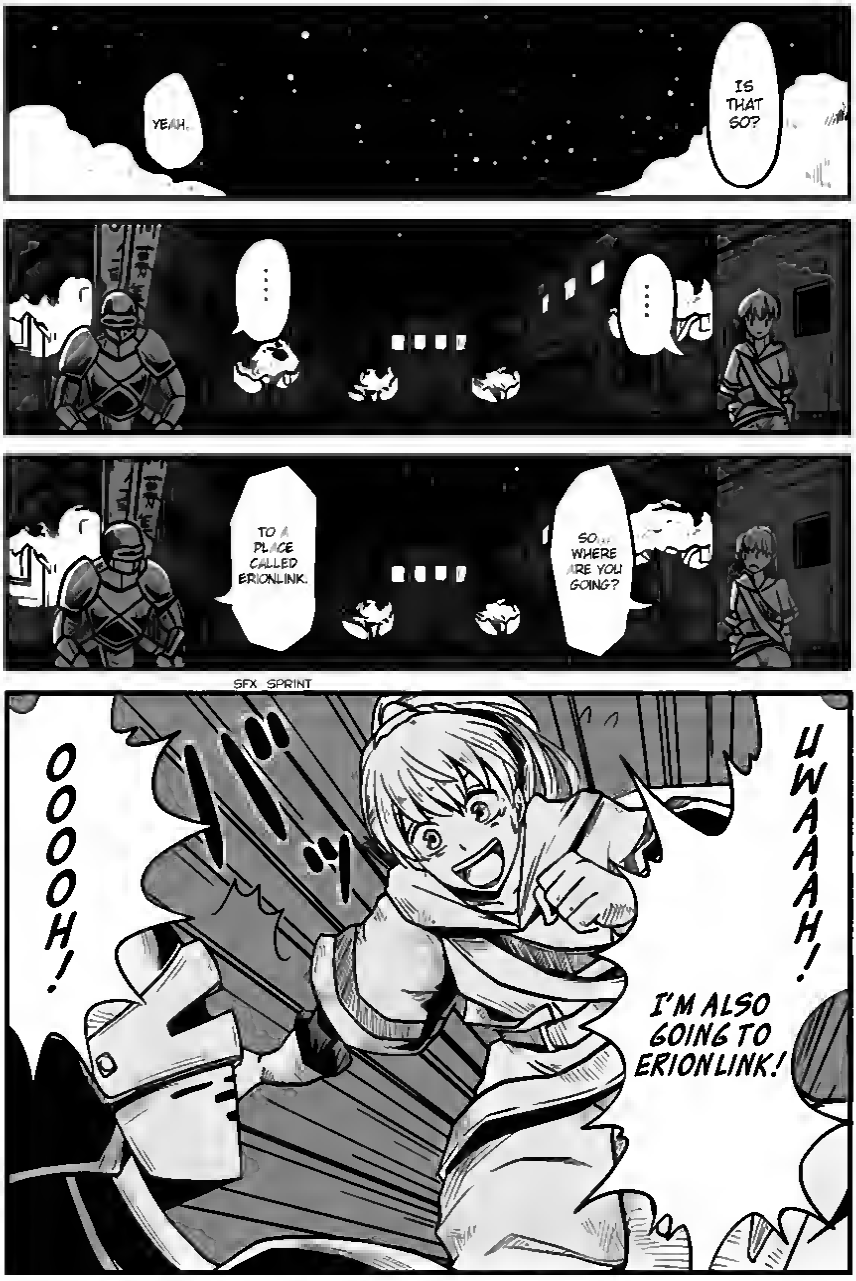
HMM...
I HAVE BEEN DOING MY BEST TO APPEAL TO PEOPLE BUT IT HASN'T REALLY HAD AN EFFECT...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT TO DO
EH?!
NOT AT ALL... I HAVE BEEN ALONE THIS WHOLE TIME...
I'M JEALOUS, YOU MUST HAVE SOME STRONG COMPANIONS
EH... FOR A NOVICE YOU SEEM TO HAVE TRAVELLED QUITE A LOT
WHERE HAVE YOU COME FROM, NOVICE ADVENTURER?
AN AREA CALLED ASUATOFU
I SEE, I HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM, I'M ALSO GOING SOMEWHERE ALONE...
SADLY, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANYONE WHO IS HEADED THE SAME WAY AS I AM...
THAT'S WHY I CAME TO THIS TOWN IN SEARCH OF COMPANIONS
I COULD NOT HAVE DONE THAT...
YOU GOT SOME COURAGE, HUH...
NOT AT ALL...
UNTIL NOW MY SENSE OF DANGER JUST HAS NOT BEEN GOOD ENOUGH...
BUT NOW I'M SCARED.


YEAH.
IS THAT SO?
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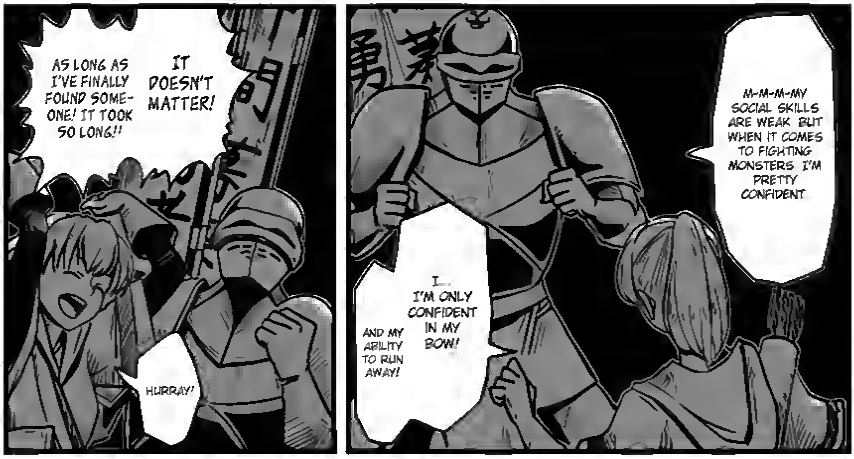
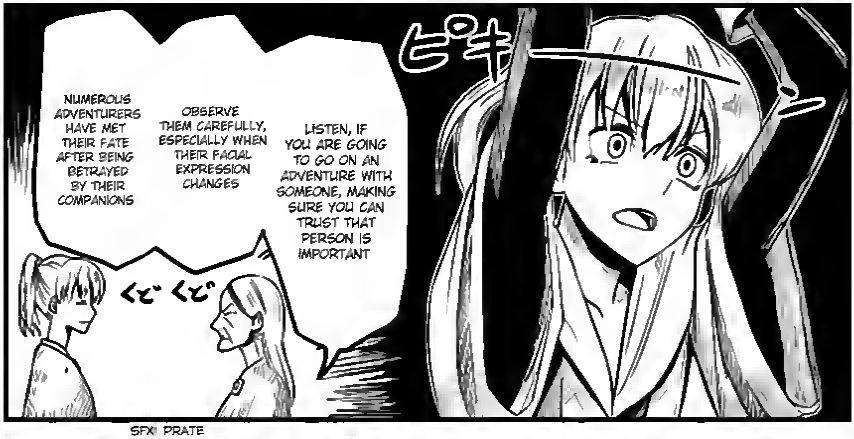
TO A PLACE CALLED ERIONLINK.
SO... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SFX: SPRINT
OOOOH!
UWAAAH!
I'M ALSO GOING TO ERIONLINK!


AS LONG AS I'VE FINALLY FOUND SOMEONE! IT TOOK SO LONG!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER!
HURRAY!
M-M-M-MY SOCIAL SKILLS ARE WEAK BUT WHEN IT COMES TO FIGHTING MONSTERS I'M PRETTY CONFIDENT
I... I'M ONLY CONFIDENT IN MY BOW!
AND MY ABILITY TO RUN AWAY!

SFX FREEZE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NUMEROUS ADVENTURERS HAVE MET THEIR FATE AFTER BEING BETRAYED BY THEIR COMPANIONS
OBSERVE THEM CAREFULLY, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEIR FACIAL EXPRESSION CHANGES
LISTEN, IF YOU ARE GOING TO GO ON AN ADVENTURE WITH SOMEONE, MAKING SURE YOU CAN TRUST THAT PERSON IS IMPORTANT
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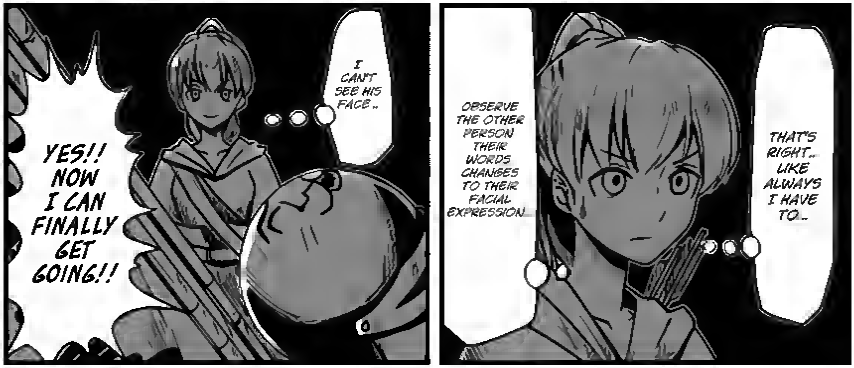
SFX PRATE


I CAN'T SEE HIS FACE..
YES!! NOW I CAN FINALLY GET GOING!!
OBSERVE THE OTHER PERSON THEIR WORDS CHANGES TO THEIR FACIAL EXPRESSION
THAT'S RIGHT... LIKE ALWAYS I HAVE TO..

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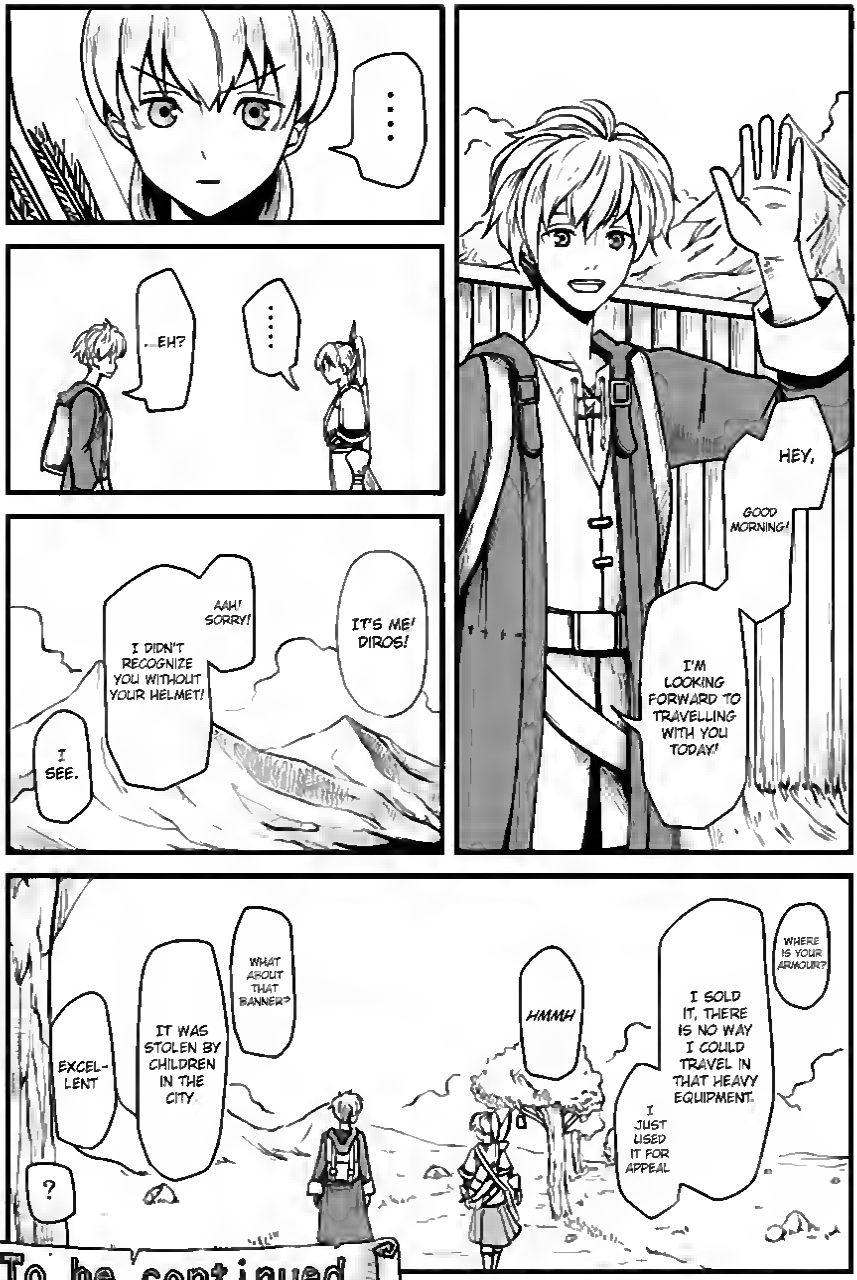
LET'S HEAD FOR EIRIONLINK TOGETHER!
I'M DIROS, THE LEGENDARY HERO DIROS!
HE'S A WEIRD PERSON, BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM BAD. I'M SURE IT WILL BE FINE.
OH WELL... I FINALLY FOUND A PERSON GOING TO THE SAME PLACE AS MYSELF.
I'M ACARIA. NICE TO MEET YOU.
MR. SELF-PROCLAIMED HERO.
IF POSSIBLE I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW...
SINCE I HAVE TO PREPARE MY EQUIPMENT
I'M FINE WITH THAT.
THEN LET'S SAY WE LEAVE THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW IN THE MORNING.
ALRIGHT.
I HAVE TO DO MY BEST NOT TO GET SLOWED DOWN...
UNFORTUNATELY, I'M THE REAL-DEAL

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
IS DIROS GOING TO TRAVEL IN THAT HEAVY ARMOUR?
I WOULD LIKE IT IF HE ERASED THAT GRAFFITI OFF HIS HELMET...
I ALSO WISH HE WOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT WEIRD BANNER OF HIS
SEEMS LIKE HE ISN'T HERE YET...
HEY!
OH? HAS HE ARRIVED?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...EH?
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AAH! SORRY!
I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU WITHOUT YOUR HELMET!
IT'S ME! DIROS!
I SEE.
HEY,
GOOD MORNING!
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO TRAVELLING WITH YOU TODAY!
WHERE IS YOUR ARMOUR?
I SOLD IT, THERE IS NO WAY I COULD TRAVEL IN THAT HEAVY EQUIPMENT.
I JUST USED IT FOR APPEAL
HMMM
WHAT ABOUT THAT BANNER?
IT WAS STOLEN BY CHILDREN IN THE CITY
EXCEL-LENT
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